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EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER RESPONSE, DATED JULY 18, 1977, TO DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. BEGIN QUOTE. I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 27, 1977 FORWARDING TO US THE TEXT OF A DRAFT LETTER TO THE IJC CONCERNING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BURLINGTON DAM TASK FORCE.

AFTER COMPARING YOUR DRAFT LETTER AND OUR OWN FIRST DRAFT, WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING TEXT WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR DRAFT LETTER AND THE TEXT BELOW IS THAT THE LATTER DEFINES THE OBJECT OF THE PROPOSED STUDIES MORE SPECIFICALLY. THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LETTER FOLLOWS.

"DEAR MR. CHANCE,  
IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 20 REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL SOURIS-RED RIVERS ENGINEERING BOARD'S BURLINGTON DAM TASK FORCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE BOARD'S SEPTEMBER 1970 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TASK FORCE CONSISTENT WITH THE JANUARY 12, 1948 REFERENCE GOVERNING  
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THE BOARD'S ACTIVITIES.  
THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT AN ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTS ON CANADA OF THE BURLINGTON DAM, AND POSSIBLE MITIGATING MEASURES, BE UNDERTAKEN. IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE BURLINGTON DAM TASK FORCE SHOULD BE AMENDED SO AS TO ALLOW IT TO CONDUCT

THE STUDIES NECESSARY TO EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED BURLINGTON DAM AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON EXISTING LAND USES ALONG THE SOURIS RIVER IN MANITOBA, THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE MEASURES TO MITIGATE THIS ECONOMIC IMPACT, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF BOTH THE PROJECT AND THE MITIGATING MEASURES.

CANADIAN AUTHORITIES THEREFORE AGREE THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO AMEND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE BURLINGTON DAM TASK FORCE AND ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF THE NECESSARY STUDY, ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR IJC REFERENCE ACTIVITIES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE COMMISSION WOULD PROVIDE GOVERNMENTS WITH AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS MISCELLANEOUS STUDY ACTIVITY AND ITS PROJECTED COSTS AND, IF REQUIRED, PARTICULAR FUNDING NEEDS IN EXCESS OF ANTICIPATORY BUDGETING BY AGENCIES SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND ITS TASK FORCE." END QUOTE. ENDERS

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